

HOME, ITS PROBLEMS AND INTERESTS

SHORT SKIRTS

Light Weight Materials Much in Demand.

There is a positive craze for short skirts at the present moment, and the craze (rightly termed) has extended far beyond what the original designer ever had in mind. The short walking skirt—the "trottoir," as the French call it—is an eminently practical fashion and now that skirts are so well cut and hung no woman need look ungraceful in a skirt that clears the ground.

The fad is by no means a new one, but never before this season has it extended to the more elaborate styles of gowns, while, short gowns in a ball-room have not been in fashion for many and many a long year. At the moment all materials are considered suitable to be made up into the short skirt styles, and the most elaborate lines—cloth, velvet, silk, muslin, linen, lace, embroidery—are all treated alike, while for evening wear silks, satins, gauzes, nets, and tulle and chiffons share the same fate.

There is undoubtedly something awkward and ungraceful in the spectacle of a woman trying to hold up a long, overtrimmed skirt, and the charmingly graceful skirt, well hung and so cut that it stands out around the foot and fits close around the hips, is fast becoming the most of the smartest gowns made up this season, and, although at first it does seem a most important part in these same rather severe costumes—gold, silver, enamel, rhinestones, and sometimes real jewels being used.

The short skirt in dancing has apparently come into favor everywhere. There is much to recommend it, and yet the long skirt seems indispensable in a handsome evening gown. It is said that the rule is to be that a ball gown is always to have the short skirt, but the evening gown every woman who is elegant will have a long train, so that it would seem as though a more practical, common sense view of dress were to be taken.

To Air a Bed.

Open windows top and bottom. Take off the top clothes on by one and place on two chairs with the seat turned toward foot of bed. Beat and shake pillows and place near window. Remove lower clothes one by one and spread. Turn mattress so that air has free access to every part by arching it on its two ends; or if it is in two parts set up each part to air.

Spread night dresses near the window. If possible leave the door open to draw in the room with air. At least one hour's airing is necessary; each member of the house should attend to this before leaving his or her bedroom.

The warmth of the bed conduces to the free escape of perspiration, little particles of skin rub off, and possibly disease germs with which the occupant has come in contact on the previous day. For these reasons a thorough airing is required, saturating the room with pure outdoor air and sunlight.

When ready to make the bed brush the mattress and dust the bedstead. Turn the mattress from side to side and top to foot on alternate days so as to equalize pressure and wear. Turn the under blanket free from wrinkles. Place the under sheet in the same way if a bolster case is used, otherwise roll the sheet around it. Place the bolster and pillow in position with the hems turned downward.

If one side of the bed is near a wall put the end of the pillow where the fastening comes toward the wall. Put the top sheet on wrong side out. Turn a good margin at the top. The narrow hem of the sheets and the marking of the blankets come at the foot of the bed. Tuck in the blankets, leaving the margin and the doubled fold at the foot. Fold the extra length of sheet at the top over the blankets.

Put the counterpane on carefully so that it hangs evenly and smoothly.

A SIMPLE DINNER

Very Inexpensive, Homely, and Easily Prepared.

Cream of tomatoes.
Celery. Radishes.
Beefsteak and onions.
Baked potatoes. Boiled parsnips.
Cream sauce.
Watercress salad.
Cheese. Toasted wafers.
Fruit. Coffee.

To boil parsnips with cream sauce first scrape the skin from as many medium-sized parsnips as are required; then cut them in halves lengthwise; then cut the halves in pieces about two inches long. Put them in cold water to soak an hour or two; then put all the pieces in a saucepan over the fire with enough cold water to cover them; add a teaspoonful of salt; if there is a quart of water; if more water add a very little more salt; also add a tablespoonful of sugar to a quart of water. Let the parsnips cook till they may easily be pierced with a fork; then drain the water from them; put them in a hot vegetable dish, pour a rich cream sauce over them and serve. Do not use a covered vegetable dish, as it will make the parsnips heavy to cover them.

Shoes to Match Gowns.

The new two-toned oxfords are going to give great scope to the woman who likes attractive dressing and bright colors. Oxfords are shown in colors to match any costume, no matter how gay, and many combine two colors. Thus, patent leather ones have vamps of red and red silk laces. Russet oxfords have vamps of palest pink, and so it goes. The effect in most cases being both dainty and dashing.

For Girl or Young Matron.

One of the most delightful models for a girl or young matron is here pictured. It is in raspberry silk muslin and is modish in cut, color, and material. The skirt is in two parts, the underskirt showing only its gathered knee ruffle edged at the foot by two narrow lace ruffles. Above, the upper skirt is laid in plaits to corset depth, and falls in lace-edged points on the plaits of the tulle.

The blouse has an underskirt of all-over lace, the silk muslin not coming above the armpits and being drawn down in the center, both back and front, in V shape to the waist. These Vs are edged with lace ruffles, while from the broadest places velvet ribbons matching the silk muslin in color run up to meet at the top of the shoulder, where they are tied in quaint bows.

New Hair Ornaments.

The newest ornament for the coiffure is a classic fillet or the more girlish Juliet net. The first now in favor shows a very fine gold chain, plain or studded with diminutive gems, drawn across the front of the hair, which should be parted in the center and rolled simply above the ears. The Juliet net covers the crown of the head between the low-dressed pompadour and the knot on the neck. It looks not unlike a spider web of fine gold or silver, and wherever the chains cross there is set a small jewel, such as pearl, rhinestone, turquoise, emerald, etc. Barrettes are used only when the hair is dressed high.



CHIC CLOTH STREET GOWN.

The spring street frock is the first item of the new season's outfit, and many and varied are the styles displayed. One worthy of mention is shown in the accompanying sketch.

The material is ecru panne cloth, and the skirt is fitted around the hips in plaits, but untrimmed. The jacket is in three wide tucks, just below the bust line, and double revers, heavily stitched, run from shoulder to waist line. Snake silk finely tucked is used for the vest, and Persian embroidery in pale shades makes the stock. The skirt on jacket has just enough ripple to set prettily, over the hips. Circular tucks corresponding with jacket form the lower part of sleeve, which is finished with a turned cuff.

FASHION PARAGRAPHS

Toujours perdrix! Velvet adorns everything. Laces of all descriptions have scrollwork and floral designs applied in colors, whilst there is a veritable craze just now for round raised applications of velvet, the requisite degree of plumpness being attained by means of judicious padding. On a coat of fawn cloth, elaborately trimmed with narrow grenache braid in the zig-zag or lightning designs which have to a great extent replaced the uncompromising lines of basket braid on the newest coats, the applications of bronze-brown velvet completing the scheme resemble nothing so much as miniature pin cushions. The same idea, but in less extreme form, is noticeable in many of the new embroideries and bead trimmings. It appears to delightful advantage on a handsome passementerie composed of black and white pearls, fully-raised pastilles of black tulle being introduced at regular intervals.

The velvet gown is never more charmingly expressed than in the delicate opaline gray which has a tendency to pink, or in green, the fashionable shades of which are legion. A leaf-green frock of faintly-embossed chiffon velvet, which is among the latest achievements of a great Paris dressmaker, has a three-tier skirt bordered with a gold grenache patterned with green chenille. The corsage has cross-over fronts opening over a vest of soft lace, through which the foundation of gold tissue faintly gleams, and the rather small sleeves, puffed, of course, at the shoulder, button from wrist to armpit, a high belt of silk with flat rosettes of velvet, exactly defining the waist. The toque accompanying it is adorned with a peacock green feather shading to deep blue.

Many of the new gold embroideries are of the lightest and airiest description, their beauty being occasionally enhanced by a sprinkling of amethysts, these dainty stones having ousted the turquoise from the foremost places in the popular affections, amethyst being among the most charming trifles of the hour.

For Lenten Appetites.

For a watercress salad, after the cresses are washed and dried, place them in a chilled salad bowl with several capons, which are cubes of bread rubbed with onion or garlic. Add French dressing, made with lemon juice instead of vinegar, about a teaspoonful of horseradish. Toss lightly and before serving discard the capons.

Here is a rather uncommon dish of vegetables, but its excellence is vouched for. Cook string beans and Lima beans separately, and when tender place them together in a saucepan with an ounce of butter, salt and pepper. Toss them together, while cooking, for a few minutes and serve with a little chopped parsley sprinkled over them.

Salmon salad is seasonable in Lent. The salmon may be boiled or steamed, but the latter way of cooking is best. While the salmon is still hot, press it into shape and place where it will get very cold. Arrange on white lettuce leaves and pour over it a mayonnaise colored green. Capers make a pretty garnish and improve the taste of the salad.

The Pleasures of The Table

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Menu Helps.

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A delicious egg salad is made of hard-boiled eggs stuffed with a mixture of minced chicken, ham, the yolks of the eggs, and mayonnaise or thick cream. Season with salt and paprika, and a little melted butter and serve with mayonnaise or lettuce leaves. Use only a small proportion of ham.

For a dainty entree to serve in individual ramekins, mince half a dozen fresh mushrooms, and simmer them in a cupful of cream. Then turn in six hard-boiled eggs seasoned to taste. Send to the table hot.

Here is a nutritious dish for the meatless Lenten meal: Pick over, wash, and soak a cupful of red kidney beans over night in cold water. In the morning, drain and rinse the beans, cover them with cold water, in which a very small pinch of soda has been dissolved, and bring them very slowly to a boil. Cook until they are tender. Meanwhile, boil a cupful of rice. When both are ready for use, cook a tablespoonful of butter until it is yellow and tender. Then turn in the beans, drained from their liquor; season with salt and pepper, mix thoroughly with the onion, and then add the rice. Cook, tossing all together lightly, for five minutes, and serve.

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